

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 9, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 91:1-2*

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

Opening Prayer

Now With Joyful Exultation

Now with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise;
To the Rock of our salvation loud hosannas let us raise.
Thankful tribute gladly bringing, let us come before him now,
And, with psalms his praises singing, joyful in his presence bow.

To the Lord, such might revealing, let us come with reverence meet,
And, before our Maker kneeling, let us worship at his feet.
He is our own God who leads us, we the people of his care;
With a shepherd's hand he feeds us as his flock in pastures fair.

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Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior! King of creation!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

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Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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Profession of Faith:

**Being both God and man, Jesus is the only Mediator between God and his people.
He alone paid the debt of our sin; there is no other Savior!
In him the Father chose those whom he would save.
His electing love sustains our hope:
God's grace is free to save sinners who offer nothing but their need for mercy.**

Offering: Converge – Dustin & Melissa

Evening Prayer

Before the Throne of God

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, and perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb my perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I am, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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Scripture: *Ecclesiastes 1:1-3*

¹ *The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.*

² *Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.*

³ *What does man gain by all the toil
at which he toils under the sun?*

Ecclesiastes 2:11, 24-26

¹¹ *Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.*

²⁴ *There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.*

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

¹³ *The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *A Walk Through the Bible – Ecclesiastes*

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

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God's Blessing

The Solid Rock

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W

Music: Sharon A

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Worship services are also broadcast live in the church basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

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On the bulletin, bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

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